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**Outward bound**  
Archie Stouffer Elementary School kindergarten students take a hike in the woods at the back of the Minden school on Thursday, Oct. 15. While some hiked, others played on the field, working on soccer skills, or did their best to blend into the surroundings using camouflage skills to avoiding detection. Students wore masks if they couldn't maintain more than two metres of distance from one another. See more photos on page 17. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Councillors call cottage conversion policy controversial

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Some members of Haliburton County council have concerns regarding a proposed amendment to the county's official plan that would lay out formal requirements for the conversion of seasonal cottages into year-round dwellings.

The proposed policy was one of a number of suggested official plan amendments councillors discussed during an Oct. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting, and revised draft policies will come back to the council table, and will also be subject to a public meeting. "The extensive waterfront areas within the county have historically attracted significant resource-based recreational and related tourism development," read a report from county planner Charley White. "More recently,

shoreline areas have attracted permanent residential development and/or the conversion of seasonal dwellings into year-round housing. The majority of waterfront areas have been developed on private individual services on lots which are undersized by today's development standards." The proposed requirements include but are not limited to: the dwelling having frontage on a road that is publicly maintained year-round; compliance with the Ontario Building

Code; an adequate supply of potable water that does not come from a lake; and a Class 4 sewage system. "There is case law on this, so municipalities do have the right to zone a property as seasonal residential and are not required to transfer that to permanent residential living situations based on either the service level or based on another, reasonable land use planning rationale," White told councillors. "This

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# Concerns over creating seasonal vs. permanent divide

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was adjudicated by the Ontario Superior Court.”

“I know it could be a controversial topic,” White added.

“Controversial should probably be in capital letters,” said Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy. “Especially during this pandemic time when a lot of people are temporarily making their seasonal residence a permanent residence, I really have many concerns on this.”

The requirement for a well was one of those concerns.

“Some of the things that came mind were, the potable water requirements, where you’re saying you have to have a drilled well,” Kennedy said. “I’m wondering if there’s not some room there that if we did move forward, that the water could be taken from the lake, if it met the Clean Water Act, or regulations contained within.”

Kennedy did not like the idea of the county policing the issue.

“Say on Kennis Lake, we’re going to go around, we’re going to knock on doors and say, ‘You’re living here permanently because we see your mailbox at the top of the hill, you can’t live here?’” he said. “Is that where we’re going, in theory?”

“This is not a requirement of the county to have in their official plan, it was a proposal that I was asked to research a little further,” White said. She added that Dysart et al actually has this policy in place, being the only one of the county’s four lower-tier townships where that is the case. “If we do do it, it should be consistent between all of the local municipalities,” she said. “And there should be a set process to do it.”

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt also took issue with the proposed policy.

“On the one hand, I can see the reasoning behind it, but I share Councillor Kennedy’s concerns,” Moffatt said. “I don’t understand how you stop anybody from simply moving into their cottage, and telling them that they can’t be here. That just opens up the us and them can of worms again, as we know from April and May of this year, was heavily contentious and quite unnecessary and unfair.”

Near the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there had been requests from the provincial government, some municipal leaders and medical doctors that seasonal residents reconsider visiting their seasonal dwellings.

“I think it’s problematic on a whole bunch of fronts,” Moffatt said.



Members of Haliburton County council met via Zoom on Oct. 14, discussing proposed amendments to the county’s official plan, including a proposed policy with requirements for the conversion of cottages into year-round homes. / Screenshot

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he too was worried about creating a seasonal versus permanent divide, noting he himself lives in a house that started out as a seasonal residence.

“When we’re talking about seasonal versus permanent, it’s the zoning that really tells it,” White said, adding that ultimately the issue was about service provision and public health and safety. “A house or a dwelling or a cottage that was built in 1960, 1940, whatever, may not meet the current building code and it’s a public health and safety concern, really, when we consider allowing people to transfer the use from seasonal or recreational.”

“If we can’t get a fire truck down the road and turn it around and get back out, where does that leave you?” she continued. “Can we get an ambulance to you?”

White also added that Canada Post and school boards have requirements that include zoning for the provision of their services.

“I do see the need for this section,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen, adding she thought it needed some revision. “The way I look at it is that we’re not necessarily going to be going around telling people you can’t

live in your seasonal house, but when they want to convert the building to permanent residence, that it would have to meet certain standards.”

“If I was told that I had to do all of these things or I couldn’t convert and live year-round in my cottage, which has been suitable for me for many years, I think I’d be looking for a taxation cutback,” Moffatt said. “. . . I can see this section being very contentious and needing a lot more clarification.”

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he thought the idea of more and more people moving permanently to shoreline areas flew in the face of the shoreline protection work

the county has been doing. “That’s another element I’m challenged with,” Devolin said, also expressing concerns that not having some kind of policy in place might open the county up to lawsuits.

Danielsen said her concerns with liability were around drinking water.

“My concern with it comes to liability is what our level of risk is when it comes to the water quality, that’s used for drinking,” she said.

White will make some revisions to the proposed policy before it comes back before council for further consideration.

## Director of education explains recent class reorganization

by JENN WATT  
Editor

A “significant reorganization” of classes was needed across the school board as administrators sought to make adjustments following shifts in student preferences for in-school or at-home learning, board trustees heard at their meeting Oct. 13.

“Back in August, we said that once parents had made the choice for their child, we were going to stay with those numbers and if you were in bricks-and-mortar schools you would stay there and if you were in Learn@Home you would stay there, but there was a significant increase in parent requests to want to move back and forth,” said Wes Hahn, director of education. “Some wanted to come back into schools and some wanted to move to Learn@Home, so we obviously wanted to open up and adhere to those requests to allow parents to make those changes, but in doing so, obviously it shifts the student body to different places and when that happens now we have to look where the teachers are.”

Class size guidelines played into decisions

around staffing and accurate numbers of students in schools needed to be provided to the Ministry of Education.

Hahn pointed out that it is normal for schools to have some kind of reorganization happen in September when the discrepancy between anticipated student enrolment and actual numbers are brought into line.

As has been previously reported, the board will keep a waitlist of students who want to switch between at-home and in-school learning and intend to assess whether those changes can be made once a month. Secondary students, who are learning in an “octoblock” format – studying one class at a time rather than having many classes each day – may have their requests to switch assessed at the end of their octoblock.

“It’s not guaranteed, but you can imagine, as I said earlier, to do these grand reorganizations every month would not be possible. We would be moving and disrupting the system constantly,” Hahn said. “So, if we can make changes based on waiting lists and moving people back and forth without affecting class caps and averages and ... collective agreements, we will do that.”



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# Fire dept fights house fire on Horseshoe Lake

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Minden Hills Fire Department responded to a fire at a residence on Horseshoe Lake at about 5 p.m. Oct. 15. Large flames and smoke could be seen from a distance and firefighters worked quickly to establish a water supply, bringing water from the lake.

"We established two hose lines, worked from the exterior to knock the fire down fast and then waited for more crews to come in to work from the interior to slowly put the fire out," fire chief Nelson Johnson told the *Times*. Dysart Fire Department joined Minden Hills through mutual aid, with more than 20 firefighters in total.

No injuries are reported from the fire, which was discovered by the renter when he arrived home.

"I would like to thank all the volunteer firefighters. ... We were able to knock the fire down and have it under control in an hour," Johnson said.

Following posts to social media, a man identifying as the renter thanked the firefighters and the community: "I got home at 4:30, firefighters were there by 5 and it was done by 7," wrote Robb Watson. "I can't express the gratitude my wife and I have for everyone in this area. Everyone we've interacted with has been so kind and caring."

Watson said that he and his wife had found a place to rent and highlighted some of the acts of kindness they encountered.

"From the folk at Stedmans (some new duds for both of us!) to Molly's Bistro (Thanks for a delicious all day breakfast the next day!) to the volunteer firefighters who worked hard to save the house, to all who offered help to find us a place to stay. Makes us realize we made the right decision to move here!" he wrote.

*With files from Darren Lum*

**Minden Hills Fire Department responded to a fire call on Horseshoe Lake on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the dinner hour. Dysart Fire Department was called for mutual aid. The blaze was brought under control within hours. No injuries were reported. / Photo courtesy of Colin March**



## Minden Post Office employee tests positive for COVID-19

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

An employee of the Minden Post Office has tested positive for COVID-19, according to Canada Post.

"We informed our employees at the Minden Post Office last week [Oct. 8], that one of their colleagues reported a positive test for COVID-19, having been exposed to the virus outside of the workplace," read a statement from the corporation on Oct. 14 in a response to an inquiry from the *Minden Times*. "The employee had last been at work almost two weeks prior and were asymptomatic at that time and when they reported to us."

A media relations representative for Canada Post said they were notified on Wednesday night, Oct. 7, by the employee about the positive test.

"The office, which has seven other employees, was informed on Thursday [Oct. 8]," said the representative.

The statement notes the staff member practiced physical distancing in the post office.

"As per our protocols, to ensure the safety of our employees and our customers, the post office is cleaned on a regular basis," reads the statement.

The post office also has floor decals to reinforce physical distancing and Plexiglas

at the counter to provide additional safety measures.

"We are in contact with public health and follow their recommendations and guidance very closely," reads the statement to the *Times*. "The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit investigated this case including contact tracing, and anyone who was required to complete testing and quarantine were contacted directly by the health unit."

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit responded on Oct. 19 to questions from the *Times*, clarifying health unit policy.

"Information about a case's place of work is highlighted in the case and contact record only if it is part of the investigation. This would happen if the person acquired the infection at their workplace or they were at the workplace while they were infectious, resulting in their co-workers being considered high risk contacts requiring follow-up by the Health Unit," said Chandra Tremblay, communications staff with the health unit. "From what I understand, this was not the situation with the case in Haliburton County."

"Again, while I cannot provide specifics about the individual, they may have contacted their employer to alert them to their positive test results. The employer may then have contacted the Health Unit for further direction. If there was no need for a workplace

investigation, the health unit would not have contacted any additional co-workers about testing or self-isolation."

Regarding the safety of mail delivery, Tremblay said: "Current evidence shows the main way COVID-19 spreads is through person-to-person direct contact and respiratory droplets that have the potential to be propelled for up to two metres. According to Public Health Ontario, there are no reports of COVID-19 being spread through handling groceries or similar items, or of foodborne related illnesses. The most important thing to know about coronavirus on surfaces is that they can easily be cleaned with common household disinfectants that will kill the virus. Studies have shown that the COVID-19 virus can survive for up to 72 hours on plastic and stainless steel, less than four hours on copper and less than 24 hours on cardboard. As always, regularly clean your hands with

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The employee had last been at work almost two weeks prior and were asymptomatic at that time and when they reported to us.

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an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.”

## Fatality on Gelert Road

The Haliburton Highlands OPP are reporting the death of a 57-year-old Haliburton woman in a vehicle collision on County Road 1, also known as Gelert Road, on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 18.

According to police, OPP officers, the Minden Hills fire department and county paramedics were called to the scene at ap-

proximately 4:35 p.m. A northbound vehicle had crossed the oncoming lane, rolling into the ditch. Darlene Thomas, 57, of Haliburton was pronounced dead at the scene. The road was closed for a number of hours as the OPP's technical traffic collision investigators conducted their work.

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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:  
**October 29** – Council Meeting  
**November 12** – Committee of the Whole Meeting

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# Hike Haliburton winter edition gets go-ahead

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors are supporting going ahead with snowshoe festival Hike Haliburton: Winter Edition this February.

Last February saw the inaugural winter version of the county's popular Hike Haliburton Festival, the latter typically taking place in September and including a series of guided hikes throughout the county. This fall's festival was cancelled, a decision county councillors made in the spring amid the initial uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, during a virtual Oct. 15 committee-of-the-whole meeting, county councillors unanimously recommended proceeding with the winter edition of the festival, with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

A report from tourism director Amanda Virtanen offered three options for councillors' consideration: holding the festival with COVID-19 safety protocols in place; holding a scaled down version of the festival with fewer people and fewer hikes with COVID-19 protocols in place; or cancelling the festival outright.

"Something else to keep in mind is of course that travel is not encouraged at the moment throughout the process, so if we were to hold the festival, it could be extremely hyper-local activity, which could be a good thing," Virtanen told councillors.

Councillors were unanimously in favour of hosting the festival.

"I would just add that we know that all reports indicate that increased outdoor activity will continue," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. "we're certainly seeing that in the Algonquin Highlands Water Trails, is still quite busy right now, despite the weather. Our parks, rec and trails manager is certainly anticipating a robust uptake of snowshoeing and skiing, because you can distance, and you can, you know,



Haliburton County council decided on Oct. 15 that the winter edition of Hike Haliburton would go ahead this February. Numbers may be limited on hikes depending on current provincial COVID-19 protocols. / DARREN LUM file photo

get outdoors and be active."

"I know we made the decision to cancel the Hike Haliburton Festival," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. "I just want to say what a great job you [Virtanen] did though of promoting hiking in Haliburton, regardless of not having a festival, and a lot of people are hiking on the open trails."

"So, in light of that, I think that maybe we could go forward, as long as we meet the COVID protocols," Roberts continued. "People have to pre-register so we have contact tracing. We know the names and contact [info] of who is going to be on that hike. I think it's something we should try to go forward with."

Last year's snowshoeing festival included 20 guided hikes.

"I think there's going to be a huge demand for it, and if we try to cut down on the number of hikes, I think we're just limiting ourselves," said Dysart Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy.

"I totally agree," said Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall. "The numbers that I'm getting now are saying that for every three cottages that closed last year, there's one that's definitely not closing this year, and that number could be going up."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen wondered if given potentially increased demand, there should be a limited number of participants per hike, with an expanded number of hikes.

"But otherwise, yes, I think we should go full-steam ahead," Danielsen said.

Virtanen said the average number of participants per hike last year was 15, "which by provincial regulations would still be fine. So we'll just continue to monitor how many people can be outside, and if we have to limit the numbers or change, then we can do that on the fly."

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# AH receives long-awaited asset management plan

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors received an asset management plan for the township during an Oct. 15 meeting, that plan recommending tax levy increases to help the township manage the replacement of assets.

The provincial government has mandated that municipalities create asset management plans, which are essentially inventories of capital assets and a strategy for their maintenance and replacement over time.

Algonquin Highlands hired Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to compile its plan, which Mayor Carol Moffatt noted at last week's meeting was almost two years late.

"It's been many months delayed, even prior to COVID, and it subsequently has delayed a number of our conversations and capital project discussions," Moffatt said.

Peter Simcisko, who presented the plan to council via on-line conferencing app Zoom, said there had been some delays in the on-the-ground assessment work.

"It needs to be recognized that asset management isn't just this plan itself, it is a practice and a journey that will continue to years to come," Simcisko said.

As for Algonquin Highlands' assets – roads, facilities, bridges, culverts, vehicles and equipment – their total replacement value is \$70 million. The township's roads network constitutes 49 per cent of that; its facilities 28 per cent; its vehicle fleet nine per cent; equipment eight per cent; and bridges and culverts approximately six per cent.

"The average condition state of the township's roads was found to be good," Simcisko said, explaining that roads are evaluated based on a pavement condition index. As for its facilities, Simcisko said there were a number of facility components in poor or very poor condition. The plan shows these components include assets such as flooring and roofing at a number of buildings, as well as assets such as aging retaining



Algonquin Highlands councillors received an asset management plan for the township during an Oct. 15 meeting. /Screenshot

walls, plumbing fixtures, etc. The replacement value of the components totals about \$1.5 million.

As for the financial strategy contained in the plan and meant to fund the ongoing maintenance and replacement of capital assets, it includes sections on transfers from capital reserves as well as tax levy increase recommendations. From 2021 through 2026, that recommendation is an annual increase of 6.49 per cent, and from 2027 through 2040, an annual tax

levy increase of 3.5 per cent.

"I don't think there are any surprises in terms of condition assessments, from my perspective, I think the numbers were maybe a bit of a surprise," Moffatt said. "And certainly the levy increases that are proposed are very different than our historical increases, so we'll have to get our heads around that."

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# A billion reasons to buy local

IT'S NO SECRET that the COVID-19 pandemic has been rough on businesses in Haliburton County, and some have had to lay off employees or close their doors altogether.

It's up to us to buoy the county's economy though the approaching winter, all of us. Even if you're not a huge shopper, you can make a positive impact by ensuring the purchases you do make are from local businesses, instead of through the internet.

Buy local or bye local, as the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has been stressing recently.

Buying stuff on the internet is convenient for a number of reasons. Obviously there is wide selection. There is often an opportunity to save money. And, you can have virtually everything delivered right to your doorstep, even in rural Ontario, something that is not only convenient, but desirable for many in a time of global pandemic.

However, online shopping, unless it is from a local business, is the enemy of local business. Buying from local businesses supports your friends, family and neighbours. There are countless studies showing the benefits of keeping money circulating through a local economy. It ultimately benefits us all.

Buying through the internet often benefits billionaires. Buying through Amazon is

super convenient, sure. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is the world's richest human being. In a feat that demonstrates with incredible clarity the lopsidedness of capitalism, Bezos is worth more than \$200 billion, that number ever-growing, and there are numerous reports of how much his wealth has grown during the pandemic, some suggesting as much as 80 per cent.

In fact, things seem to be going really well for the world's billionaires amid the COVID-19 crisis.

A study by The Institute for Policy Studies and Americans for Tax Fairness shows that America's 644 richest people saw their net worth rise by

\$930 billion between March and October. It shows the collective net worth of American billionaires to be \$3.8 trillion, an amount of money that is double the total wealth held by the lowest-earning half of the U.S. population.

Don't worry, Canadian billionaires are doing super great, too. In September, the Globe and Mail reported that the wealth of Canada's 20 richest billionaires had increased by \$37 billion since March. Media magnates the Thomson family saw their fortune grow by \$8.8 billion during that time period, and over at Loblaw's, Galen Weston had his bank account increase by \$1.6 billion.

None of these people need our help. But the county's merchants and business owners do.



**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter



Bright yellow leaves remained on some trees and blanketed the forest floor on the Heritage Trail at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve on Saturday, Oct. 17. The reserve is the newest property for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and is open to the public. Access is available at the end of Gould's Crossing near Haliburton off County Road 1. /JENN WATT Staff

# Will bullfrog hunting croak?

NOW THAT the 2020 hunting season for bullfrogs is finally over, I think it's time that I finally retire from the sport.

This would be a difficult decision for me to make, if not for the fact that I have forgotten to go bullfrog hunting for 44 seasons in a row now.

That's a shame because as a kid, I used to be an excellent bullfrog hunter and conservationist. In fact, I solely practiced catch and release. The catch part was in a swamp and the release part was usually in my sister's top dresser drawer.

I'm not going to lie to you, if my sister lived closer, I'd probably take up bullfrog hunting again. But since she lives too far away, I am hereby announcing that I have officially given up on bullfrog hunting. I've had my fun.

Why am I giving up?

First off, bullfrog hunting is not only a young man's game, it's a single man's game.

If you don't believe me, try to explain to your wife why you would choose to put on leaky waders and a headlamp and spend the night in the swamp with your weird buddies and a host of mosquitoes, rather than cuddle in a nice warm bed with her. Go on. I dare you.

That's why I'm betting that if there is such a thing as even one hardcore bullfrog hunter out there, he's single.

Sure, frog's legs are a delicacy, but, if I'm going to be honest here, they are not that much of a delicacy.

Which is fine because bullfrog hunting is not actually for food anyways. Rather, it is an excuse to chase frogs around a swamp in the dark. Yes, you can also do this in day-

light, but then people see you.

Frankly, I don't know a single person who admits to hunting bullfrogs – but then again I come from a generation who grew up admiring the wit and wisdom of Kermit, so it's not exactly socially acceptable.

Also, the sport lacks the kind of literary, internet and television presence that would cause younger people to get into it so that they could carry on the noble tradition. No one has ever had the head of a large bullfrog stuffed and hung on a prominent wall in the house – unless they were single at the time.

And while the limit is 10 per hunter, I have never heard anyone brag about getting a limit, or refuse to divulge their best bullfrogging spots, which tells me that the interest is just not there.

Nevertheless, my retirement from bullfrog hunting will probably be a huge blow to the sport, since I'm probably the only outdoors writer in Ontario who has even thought about it in the last 30 years.

The truth is, much like skunk hunting, I believe it is a dying pastime, here in Ontario. Who knows why?

All I do know is that, if we are going to revitalize the sport, someone is going to have to take up the mantle.

Some young, energetic outdoors personality, with a nervous sister who lives nearby, is going to have to show the world how much fun chasing bullfrogs can be. It would be good if he had a sidekick too. Someone who really knew how to prepare them for consumption, just in case the sister moves away.

Even then, I'm not sure you could expect a lot of growth in the sport. Yet, if the interest in the sport increases, it would undoubtedly be in leaps and bounds.



**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# When the red, red robin...

**N**OW YOU see them, now you don't. The robins were everywhere until recently. Listening and pecking for worms beside the house. Flitting branch to branch back in the woods as they searched for any remaining mountain ash or other berries. Hardly a day would pass without seeing several or more. Now there is none to be found.

Some say the disappearance of the robins foretells an early winter. When they sense snow and cold moving in, they move out. I'm not sure that is totally accurate.



**JIM POLING SR.**  
*From Shaman's Rock*

Although robins are considered migratory birds I think of them as nomads. They don't follow the consistent north-in-spring, south-in-autumn paths of most birds. They wander off track stopping wherever they find food.

That's why I was seeing so many of them earlier this month. Rains and morning dew brought out the worms, and there were still some berries left on bushes. Colder temperatures and some frost have changed that, so the robins have moved on to find more profitable locations.

Many people see robins as delicate, pretty little birds that travel south early to avoid dying in the cold. However, they are tough birds who are being seen more often in northern regions during winter.

Their outer feathers block wind and snow, while softer downy inside feathers provide insulation that helps them maintain their body temperature, which is 104 Fahrenheit.

Project FeederWatch, a research project gathering data on winter bird populations, has reported that more robins are hanging around later in northern regions.

It said that during the 2015-16 winter, robins visited 11 per cent of winter backyard feeders in northern parts of Canada and in Alaska. That compared with only six per cent of winter visitations in 1989-90.

One of the reasons could be climate change, and the fact that Canadian winter temperatures have been getting milder over recent decades. Urban landscaping might be another reason why more robins are being seen later in the year.

Fruit trees and berry-producing shrubs and bushes have become popular with people landscaping their town and city homes. Robins are mainly fruit eaters in winter, so if there is more of it to be found in built-up areas, they will be there.

Robins originally were a forest species but they have adapted well to a changing landscape, which has seen forests shrinking and urban areas expanding.

Many of us see robins as fairly solitary birds, hopping about alone, or sometimes with a mate. But serious bird watchers say that they tend to flock during the fall months. In southern areas they have been seen in flocks of hundreds.

Flocking gives robins more eyes and ears to find food and some extra warmth if they crowd together in trees.

Being in a crowd also offers some protection from predators. Although it is hard to imagine anything wanted to hurt these friendly songbirds, they have enemies, including crows, jays, hawks and a variety of other aggressive birds.

Robins don't seem to fear humans, although they are cautious and will attack if someone approaches their nest, especially if it contains babies. They have been known to come close to humans exposing worms when they dig in a garden or water a lawn.

They do pose an indirect threat to humans because they are carriers of West Nile virus.

Other West Nile carriers such as crows and jays die quickly from the virus, but robins survive it longer, therefore passing it along to more mosquitoes, which can infect humans.

The robin also is an impostor, although not through its own fault. It is named the American Robin, but in fact is not a robin at all. It is a thrush and has no relation to the European Robin.

Early American settlers who first encountered the bird called it a robin because of its reddish breast, which was similar to the European Robin commonly called Robin Red Breast in England. Other than that, there is little resemblance to the European bird, which is a member of the flycatcher family.

If climate change does bring more milder winters we may see more robins during the winter months. That's a good thing because there are few birds that provide as much pleasure with their vast repertoires of song.

# Home gym

**I**PREFER TO take the path of least expense when I do things. When I owned and operated a bricks and mortar fitness facility it was very rudimentary. When I started, aside from the spinning bikes (it started as a spinning facility), the equipment consisted of dumbbells, a couple of exercise balls, a BOSU trainer and a yoga mat. That was it. In reality, you don't even need that equipment to have a gym. An empty space is all that you need. For a home gym a 4' x 6' space will do the trick (as long as you don't have really long arms and legs then you'd need more space). A yoga mat (or some kind of mat) to put down will make things more comfortable but it's not really necessary.

I've been reading about the shortage of gym equipment. Everything from weights to treadmills are flying off the shelves. It's true that equipment can improve your fitness but the important point here is that it doesn't work if it's not used. So, if you're thinking of setting up a home gym try taking the path of least expense. Start with a space that you can move around in without knocking over a lamp. Then for a couple of weeks do these four exercises regularly:

- Push-ups (at the wall, from your knees or toes)
  - Squats
  - Plank (on your elbows and toes - hold for only as long as you can without feeling a strain in your back)
  - Superman
- Start with as many repetitions as you



**LAURIE SWEIG**  
*Practical Fitness*

can do without hurting yourself. Add a rep every couple of days if you're ready for it. Do this routine in your home gym for a minimum of two weeks. Once you've got the commitment established then it's time to spend some money (if you still want to). Choose something that you feel will enhance your fitness and your workout experience. If something is fun you will be more

likely to use it. Personally, I feel the BOSU would be a great addition to any gym because it offers a myriad of challenges.

If you're someone who has a home gym that is full of equipment, use what you have before you add to it. Chances are that a shiny new piece of equipment will end up collecting just as much dust as the stuff you haven't been

using. The other option is sell something that you're bored with before you add to the collection. That way someone else gets to benefit from something you're not using anymore.

The days of less sunlight and cold temperatures are creeping towards us. COVID-19 is not fading away. Staying in shape is becoming more of a climb. Get ready for it now for the sake of both your physical and your mental health.

Something to think about.

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## Program offering free nicotine patches

The STOP (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients) Program is launching a new online version called STOP on the Net. The new program offers participants a free supply of nicotine patches and gum to help them quit smoking. People can enroll online at [www.stopstudy.ca](http://www.stopstudy.ca) to see if they're eligible for the program.

If they qualify, participants will be mailed the free nicotine patches and gum and asked to take part in two follow-up surveys with researchers to see how they are faring with their quit smoking efforts. Resources to help people through the quitting process will also be available online.

Area residents who are 18 years and older and trying to quit smoking are encouraged to sign up for STOP on the Net, especially

as supplies of nicotine replacement therapy products are limited.

"We know COVID-19 has been very stressful on people and had a major impact on mental health," says Karen Taylor, a public health nurse with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "Some people may be using tobacco more to cope during this pandemic. STOP on the Net is a great tool to quit given that supports are delivered right to your door."

Unlike the regular STOP program, the online version does not require an in-person visit with a health care provider. Taylor says that can bring peace of mind to people trying to quit tobacco, but who may be wary of going out and potentially increasing their exposure to COVID-19.

## DVD of the Month - October



**Maleficent: Mistress of Evil** is the even darker sequel to Maleficent, Disney's live-action retelling of *Sleeping Beauty*.

Five years have come and gone since Maleficent (Angelina Jolie) pledged herself to the protection of both her goddaughter, Aurora (Elle Fanning), and the faerie Moors she's always called home. After Aurora (Elle Fanning) becomes engaged to her beloved Prince Philip (Harris Dickinson), his mother, Queen Ingrith (Michelle Pfeiffer), is less than thrilled. The Queen's cool displeasure portends a sinister threat not only to Maleficent herself, but to all of the Moorfolk she's sworn to protect. Can Maleficent stop an all-out war on her faerie brethren, and still ensure her goddaughter's Happily Ever After?

Complex family ties, unexpected allies, and dark new forces abound in this deliciously dark Disney sequel. Check it out from Haliburton County Public Library today.



# County council amenable to smaller, if not tiny, homes

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors seem open to permitting smaller footprint homes to be constructed within the county, although maybe not the type of tiny homes some residents would like to see.

Councillors discussed the issue during a review of proposed amendments to the county's official plan during an Oct. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting. Regulations around tiny homes and other proposed amendments will come back to the council in the form of draft policies, and will also be subject to a public meeting before any changes are made.

"We do not currently have a policy, in the county official plan, or any of the local plans, with regards to tiny homes," planner Charley White told councillors, explaining the provincial government has recently outlined a series of minimum standards for tiny homes, should municipal governments care to incorporate tiny homes into their official plans.

Currently, each of the county's four lower-tier townships have minimum dwelling sizes, ranging from 500 to just less than 800 square feet, depending on the township.

"So what a tiny home is, as defined and outlined, is a small, self-contained dwelling that has a living, a dining area, a kitchen area, a place to sleep as well as bathroom facilities,"

White said. "And what I would like to be very clear about, is we're not talking about the types of tiny homes that you may see on certain television programming, where they're on wheels, where they can move around, where you can travel from Newfoundland to British Columbia – that's not what we're talking about."

What the provincial minimum standards outline are permanent dwellings, with requirements under the building code, servicing requirements, etc.

"What it is, is really a smaller footprint, which supports the county's goal for new and alternative affordable housing options within our community," White said.

Her report contained a recommended minimum size, taken from the provincial standard, of 17.5 square metres, or about 188 square feet. The report all proposed that tiny homes be allowed in all zoning designations with the exception of waterfront, and that they be permitted as primary dwelling or ancillary dwellings, in accordance with policies, zoning requirements and the Ontario Building Code.

White also suggested the potential creation of tiny home subdivisions.

"Is there any differentiation for tiny homes, between in-town lots and rural, in any shape or way?" asked Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin.

"Yes," White responded. "So, what I would be looking to county council to identify is where they feel this is the most appropriate, because the main difference will be servicing.

So, in some of our settlement areas, we have full municipal services, which means if you have a lot, whatever the size of that lot, you connect to sewer and water, hydro's probably at your line, you probably have some school bus service, your road is maintained year-round, you have all of that."

In the case of a tiny home as the primary residence on a rural lot, that would require servicing, "so that's a well, that's a septic, that's hydro service coming in," White said. "So there is a servicing difference, and it may not be the desire of council to have tiny homes in all areas."

"It may be most appropriate, because we're looking at it as a permanent dwelling, as an affordable housing option, that council may wish to consider having it only in settlement areas, or only where there's servicing available."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen thought the proposed minimum size was too small. "I would hope that we could find some mid-point that might be more acceptable to us all, and I'm also not sure about best land use of placing a tiny home on a town-serviced lot, but that's just something that I'd like to see us discuss," Danielsen said.

White reiterated that the minimum size in the report was taken from the provincial standards. "If you wanted to make a minimum home size 200 square feet . . . I mean, the policy will be in the plan and the local municipalities will be looked to implement that through their zoning bylaw. So, if it's on a proposed town lot with full services, you may have different zoning requirements and minimum sizes, versus in a rural lot, with private services. And again, that would be to the local municipality to identify in their zoning bylaw."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt wondered about the semantics of "tiny homes," and suggested the county start using different language.

"I definitely support moving towards smaller footprint homes to address some of the needs that we have in our communities," Moffatt said. "I do have a preference for tiny home communities being in settlement areas and I wonder if the first change, sort of mindset shift, is in changing the name. Tiny homes I think stands us in good stead for confusion. The tiny home movement is very different than a smaller footprint home for affordable housing purposes, and I think we could go a long way to solving our own interpretation problems, if we stopped calling them tiny homes, and started calling them smaller footprint homes. And I know it sounds like maybe that's splitting hairs, but . . . we're trying to provide housing, and provide more opportunities for different sectors of our community. And I think if the public hears, just reads the headline, 'Haliburton County allows tiny homes,' there may be a misunderstanding or confusion around the requirements for servicing, building code, a limit on the number of sheds you can have, that kind of thing."

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he agreed with Danielsen that the minimum size proposed in the report was too small.

"I had similar thoughts to what Councillor Moffatt had said," said Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, "and I think, I mean it's semantics, but when you say 'tiny home' I too think of the HGTV show, you know, where there's wheels and it's moveable, and I think maybe labelling them as something else would be a wise move for the county."

Schell also said she'd like to see whatever the requirements end up being to be consistent across all four of the county's lower-tier townships.

Devolin said he agreed with a consistent standard across the county, said he didn't have an issue with the square footage, but if his colleagues wanted a slightly higher number, he was amenable to that, and suggested that "micro housing," might replace the term "tiny home."

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said the minimum dwelling size in her township had recently been lowered.

"Dysart just underwent a comprehensive zoning bylaw [re-

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# Allowable size of tiny homes up for debate

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view] and so this discussion came up, and we actually reduced the minimum size of a dwelling in Dysart across the board in all areas to be 600 square feet, which I know is still not in the neighbourhood of what we're calling tiny or micro."

Roberts said Dysart council had asked its planning staff how many people were coming in and requesting to build homes as small as 400 feet.

"It's very minimal," she said. "I think we have to be careful. We're not the same as some of the areas where these have been more popular. Our land is really precious here. There's only so much serviced land, so I really caution really reducing a whole lot more than even 600 square feet. In terms of other units, such as apartments or condominiums, we have them even smaller."

Danielsen said Algonquin Highlands council was also looking at the township's zoning bylaw and that minimum dwelling size would be a consideration. The current minimum size for a dwelling in Algonquin Highlands is 74 square metres, or 796.5 square feet.

"I would look more to a 400 square foot [size], which is kind of a midpoint," Danielsen said. "I believe that there will be a greater demand for smaller homes as people can't afford what's available on the market, can't afford to build larger homes. To me, 400 square feet is a really good midway point between the traditional tiny homes that we've been seeing, and something that is a little more modest than 600 or 700 square feet."

Moffatt said that if the purpose of allowing smaller footprint homes was to assist the aged, vulnerable or underemployed, "who by virtue of our housing studies and everything we've learned, probably need to be more near a town site, with access to shops and services," then it only made sense that smaller footprint homes be permitted in developed areas.

"A micro housing community in a village situation is ideal for housing solutions," Moffatt said. "A separate issue is a lifestyle choice out on a rural lot ... and I think there's a difference there, too."

In terms of demand for tiny homes, White suggested there is significant demand.

"One local municipality, wrongfully, was added to a tiny home province-wide website as being one of the only places in the province where tiny homes were permitted," White said. That municipality was Highlands East. "And for at least 10 months, the phone at that municipality and at my office was ringing off the hook," White said. "... It got out there for some reason that one of our municipalities was allowing them and the demand was a lot. It was significant. So if council makes that decision to move forward, I think you will see demand right off the bat."

"We always have to think long term, when we talk about why are we considering this," White continued. "And, I stated, I'm considering this and recommending this as a permanent housing

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Because what you don't want to have is the development of a smaller footprint house, and a garage and seven sheds.

— CAROL MOFFATT

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solution and right off the bat, maybe we don't offer it available everywhere. Maybe it is focused, by policy, to settlement areas, see how it goes, see if it takes off, see if there really is that demand."

White said that would also provide a chance for the county to collect data on how affordable the dwellings would be to construct.

Danielsen said she agreed with Moffatt on the concept of a micro housing community within a town area on serviced land.

Moffatt expressed a concern that allowing dwellings too small would mean a proliferation of storage buildings.

"We are sadly a society driven by consumerism, which means everybody has a lot of stuff," she said. "So there are very few people who can actually really successfully live in micro housing by its strict definition. One of the concerns I think we have to have regard for, is where are you going to put your stuff? So you're going to have a shed, and you're going to have two sheds, and then you're going to have three sheds, possibly."

Moffatt noted that White has pointed out that local bylaws would restrict the number of outbuildings that could be constructed on a property.

"Because what you don't want to have is the development of a smaller footprint house, and a garage and seven sheds," Moffatt said. "You could have just built a house. And so, how do we ensure that ... the community stays vital and tidy and not disorganized."

"There's no question that this is a popular idea," Moffatt said. "I want to circle back and say we need to make the decision whether we're trying to do this to provide housing, or a lifestyle choice, because they're very different things."

White added that planning applications for smaller footprint homes would still be subject to the same planning process as other applications, subject to the same controls of site plans, etc. "Those controls could be put in place," White said. "So, you know, one shed in addition to the micro house on each individual lot."

A draft policy will come back to council and there will be public meeting.

"And when all of these items come back to council as part of a public meeting, we will have members of the public providing their input, we can discuss that further," White said.

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# Zoe Chilco remembered as a spark ahead of her time

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

As she remembers her friend, Zoe Chilco, Cheryl Bathe recalls a time when Zoe held a dinner party for her friends, many years ago. Surrounded by Zoe’s collection of unique finds, the conversation turned amongst her friends to what one thing they would want of hers, when she one day passed on.

“Zoe was kind of eccentric with what she collected and what interested her,” said Bathe. The one thing Bathe wanted were old books Zoe had in her bathroom, a *Flower Fairies* collection filled with little poems.

On one of the last visits the two friends shared, Zoe gifted Bathe with the books.

“Didn’t she give me the little Flower Fairy book, when I went down to see her?” remarked Bathe. “She remembered. I bet it was 20 years ago.”

The story speaks to Zoe’s unique look at life, her attention to detail and her insight into and care for others and is one of many shared after her death at age 75 this month, her family and friends speaking to her energy, her zest for life and her spark, in her memory.

Zoe grew up in a little bungalow in Scarborough, one of eight kids. Her son Chris was born when she was 23.

“Neither of my parents have ever gotten married. When she found out she was pregnant she just checked in with my dad, if he wanted to be part of raising me, but they were very young,” said Chris. “She was 23, he was 26, I was an unplanned pregnancy, so she decided to raise me on her own.”

Life with his mom, just the two of them, “was a good thing,” said Chris. And then,



Zoe Chilco became a professional blues and jazz singer later in life, singing alongside Gord Kidd for many years, and producing 10 albums. /Photo from [zchilco.blogspot.com](http://zchilco.blogspot.com)

with a laugh: “In a weird way I always felt like she did an excellent job, and I ended up pretty well-balanced, considering.”

The two lived in Cabbagetown, and later in Parkdale, living at times technically under the poverty line but, in Chris’s memory, without a want.

“I didn’t have any brothers or sisters, it was just us, so we were definitely like a team,” he said.

His mom was fun-loving, open to acting like a kid, Chris said. She discouraged television, and encouraged reading and use of the imagination.

Bathe remembers that, too. When Zoe first visited her home after they became friends in the late ’80s, Bathe’s kids were in the living room.

“She immediately came in and sat down with them on the floor and started playing whatever board game they were playing, with them,” said Bathe. “When she left, they came to me very confused and said, is she a kid, or an adult? They had never met anybody like her ... She didn’t have rules, she didn’t have rules like other people lay down for themselves about what you have to do as an adult.”

Zoe had interests in social justice, health and environmentalism before those topics mattered to most people.

“She was always ahead of her time in terms of all the things that people are talking about now,” said Chris. “Health food, climate change, mistrust of corporations, women’s issues, she was definitely a feminist, she wore radical clothes.” Zoe’s alternative lifestyle wasn’t always comfortable for Chris as he was growing up – over time he has come to see her as a visionary.

“But all of that stuff, I’ve seen it come around, now they’re all issues of the day and her independence is amazing to me now,” he said. “All of the stuff that she was consumed with back then, when it was very frowned upon to even bring up things like that, it’s all ended up being true: pollution, climate change, all of that stuff, she was on it back then when it wasn’t fashionable to talk about, and spent the last 30 years just watching one by one all of those issues come to the fore, and it’s pretty amazing.”

Zoe spent time as a French teacher – outwitting kids who had planned not to learn in class with the supply teacher that day – and as a massage therapist, sometimes practicing in homes before that was more common. She studied languages – including Latin, Gaelic, French, Italian, Spanish – doing so before travelling to places, in any way she could even on a meagre budget, where she might be able to use them.

“She was able to do it because that’s what she wanted to do,” said Bathe. “Her energy, her drive, she didn’t let things stop her. She

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— CHERYL BATHE  
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“She worked to live as opposed to lived to work,” said Chris. “In the end she had two houses, she travelled the world, and she continued with that pace ... So in the end she had way more free time to do what she wanted to do, which I think, again, I’ve come around, that’s the way to do it, if you ask me. Especially after COVID, again, people are coming around to her way of thinking. She was just very ahead of her time.”

In the late ’80s, Zoe moved to Haliburton County – “she followed someone who she cared about,” said Chris – buying 100 acres in Carnarvon and putting in a Pan-Abode cottage. She lived here, spending time at apartments she had in Toronto until she bought a house in Scarborough in 2008, then living here or there between 2008 and 2016. Chris bought the cottage from her a few years ago, while Zoe bought a little place elsewhere in Algonquin Highlands, across the road from the lake.

After landing here, Zoe was instrumental in founding the original women’s shelter in Haliburton County, steadfastly holding fundraisers, including the Thalia’s Voice concert held at Beaver Theatre, and working as part of the HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural Shelter) Committee – not just in the ’90s, but in more recent years too, to keep the local shelter now in place funded.

“She was really a sparking kind of person,” said friend Heather Ross. “A lot came off of her energy. She didn’t back down and she grabbed things, she really was pretty fearless.”

While music was always a part of her life, it wasn’t until her 50s that Zoe really began to pursue it as a career.

One day while Zoe was at another musician’s gig in Toronto, he noticed she was writing out lyrics to her most recent song on a paper placemat, according to an interview she had with Mike Jaycock on CanoeFM late last year. The musician invited her to the stage, as he was prone to do.

“I had this paper placemat in my hand, and these guys of course are all professionals, they just start playing it, taking off with it,” she said. “I’m up there singing, looked down, one way to my right, one way to my left, and I thought, oh my God, this is incredible, this has got to be the best night of my life. And you know what, it has stuck with me as that because it was so gratifying to have these amazing musicians playing this piece of music that I had just written, many were just sliding with it, and it was the greatest high. It really was incredible. Even though I wasn’t doing all of the performing I ended up doing later, that had to be the biggest stand-out for me.”

Later when she was at the Minden Fair, she told Jaycock, “by that time I was a little nervier,” and she asked the band if she could play a song. Someone in the audience told her there was a guy in town looking for a singer, and that guy turned out

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# Chilco lived creative, purposeful life

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to be Gord Kidd, who she sang with for almost six years. “And that was the beginning of my musical career,” she said.

Over time, Zoe would release 10 professional albums, all originals, her work also available on streaming services under her name. She performed jazz and blues concerts at cafes and restaurants, in Whitby and in Mexico, at Hugh’s Room and the Old Mill Toronto, and also locally at Music by the Gull, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and for events in Head Lake Park. She hosted two radio shows on Canoe FM – The Blue Canoe for eight years, and Zoe’s Haphazard Saturday Nights for seven.

“I just have to sing, every day, because that is what always frees me from the madding crowd, and it’s what inspires me, and makes me feel good, better, and best,” she wrote on her blog in 2019. “So I will keep on singing.”

Zoe was also a writer, telling Jaycock that at one point she had a mountain of notebooks that went back to the ’60s.

“I’ve been writing for a long time, didn’t realize how much stuff I had until I started organizing,” she said.

Blog posts offering details into her life, her experiences and her frustration with illness, and essays available on WattPad share insights into her philosophy and experiences. A novella she wrote, *Wind Dancing*, became a podcast, documenting her creativity across paper and technology and showcasing the energy she had for creating, and living, even when she began feeling unwell.

“She realized that there was so much she wanted to get done and I think it helped normalize things,” said Chris. “I would have a busy day, she would have a busy day, it’s not like she was just sitting there staring at the wall. Both of us were kind of feeling the same way in terms of what we accomplished that day. You don’t have to push yourself at this point, you can just relax, but I think it made her feel less sick ... She kept on doing it. She could have used another 20 years obviously.”

Though she always took care of herself, Zoe had let some check-ups lapse, and so when she was finally urged by a friend to see a doctor about some changes to her body, her family doctor pursued it urgently. Zoe was diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer. She underwent chemotherapy and immunotherapy for many months.

“It’s a weird feeling,” said Chris. “You’re so used to doctors having a what’s next kind of thing, and then we got to that point where they were like, there is no next step, it’s cancer, that’s it, there is no cure. Those were moments that we shared together that were kind of like, holy shit, this is for



**Zoe Chilco, a trailblazer who was instrumental in bringing a women’s shelter to Haliburton County, raising women’s voices in song, and who loved and connected with others deeply, died Oct. 6. /Photo from Zoe Chilco’s obituary**

real.”

Zoe decided to get off of chemo, Chris said, because she just wanted to face it naturally. She lived another six months after that.

“Obviously in the last couple of years, especially since the diagnosis, which was 18 months ago, we had a lot of time – thankfully – to just basically take advantage of all that time we had, whatever time we had left,” said Chris. “We spent time together obviously going to the hospital and all that stuff, and going through that whole cancer journey thing with

chemo and all that. But then we would just talk on the phone every night, which was really great, because they were good conversations. She kept up on current events voraciously, she would always listen to the news, listen to what was happening, so we could talk about anything. And then she always had an interest in what I was doing, which was nice to have.”

“We did get down to see her a few times, recently,” said Bathe. “It was nice to be able to go and have her be the same. Even though you knew she was dying, she was the same, it was amazing. You felt like it was the same old Zoe, other than her low lack of energy, she still had that spark, it was quite amazing. And she was just as interesting, or even more so.”

For the most part, Zoe’s experience of cancer was fairly discomfort-free, said Chris, but eventually she knew the growth would cause her to become incapacitated.

“She received world-class treatment at Princess Margaret Hospital for ovarian cancer and, as it worsened, chose to end her journey the way she lived it: on her own terms,” reads her obituary. Zoe died peacefully at home by way of a medically-assisted death on Oct. 6.

“At the last moment, she realized what was happening and she was trying to control it,” said Chris, with a gentle laugh, remembering his mom’s everlasting command of her own life. “She was playing the song, Into the Mystic by Van Morrison, and she said, OK, you can open up the IV drip at precisely this time, she was band leading right up until the end.”

Family joined Zoe by her side and neighbours gathered on the street.

“There was laughter, there was tears, we toasted her with champagne, and then ... we showed her video of the people out on the street, so she was really happy about that.”

Everyone else said goodbye, and then it was just Zoe and Chris.

“And then ...” he takes a moment, pausing, composing himself, and then names her favourite beach, on Twelve Mile Lake, across from Twelve Mile Lake United Church Cemetery, her final resting place. “It’s ideal. It brought her great comfort that she was going to go there ... So she called that up in her mind, and then gave the go ahead.”

Zoe’s obituary notes that she “lived life to the fullest, inspiring others to do the same.” Her story, it reads, is of a “powerful, creative force who fought for justice and equity, was loved and loved fiercely, and will be missed deeply by all lucky enough to know her.” It’s the story her friends and family think on now as they carry on after saying goodbye.

“It’s a good one,” says Chris.

## What makes for a COVID-19 ‘outbreak’?

by JENN WATT  
Editor

*The following are brief reports of items discussed at the board of health meeting for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit on Thursday, Oct. 15.*

Deciding whether to label a case of COVID-19 in a long-term care facility or public school an “outbreak” goes beyond simply confirming a positive case of the virus: precise criteria must be met, something that can create confusion for the public.

Anne-Marie Holt, director of health promotion for the HKPR District Health Unit, gave board members an overview of how public health officials make determinations of when an outbreak has happened.

In long-term care facilities, one case of COVID-19 deemed contagious makes for an outbreak.

“Because we already had a wave of COVID [of those who] were infected in the spring, they could still get a positive test now, but they’re not really infectious, [the test is] just actually picking up genetic material from the virus from their COVID experience in the spring,” Holt said.

In those cases, while there may be a positive test for COVID-19, an outbreak would not be declared, she said.

In schools or hospitals, which have more people coming and going, an outbreak would be declared if two or more cases were detected where it appears COVID-19 was contracted within the facility.

“So there has to be person-to-person transmission that hap-

pened in the school. That means that you have evidence that they actually got it at school, not that they actually got it in community and then came to school and happened to get it,” Holt said.

With mask-wearing and physical distancing protocols, the chance of in-school transmission is lessened. However, some students may socialize outside of the school building, contracting the virus.

Holt said she was aware that the term “outbreak” can create anxiety and noted that Premier Doug Ford had issues with its usage. However, the term is a technical one used within the public health sector. Some confusion could come from how the term is used regarding community spread.

“Because at times, we also use the word ‘outbreak’ when you have significant community spread of a virus. So you might have heard us say in previous years, ‘oh, it’s our influenza outbreak,’” she said. “...So certainly I think there is the potential for confusion.”

### Tracking opioid use

The health unit will be developing an opioid surveillance system to track information from community partners and first responders to monitor opioid trends in the region.

Funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada will allow for the hiring of a research analyst who will gather data from various partners, analyze it and make it available to those who need it.

The grant is for \$60,000 and the project must be complete by August 2021.

“By implementing the Opioid Enhancement Surveillance System, community partners can take further actions to re-

spond to opioid trends in our communities,” a report from Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health, reads.

### COVID trends website

Board members were informed of a new website called COVIDTrends, which allows users to search for locations in Canada and access the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the county or region in the last 14 days. The site can be accessed at <https://health-infobase.canada.ca/covid-19/covidtrends>.

### Flu vaccine rolling out

The fall flu vaccination campaign is to launch at the end of October though the vaccine is already available at several locations in the region, Anne-Marie Holt, director of health protection, told the board.

“We have been actively providing vaccine out to all of our health-care providers and our long-term care facilities starting with providing the service to our high-risk populations,” she said.

For the most part, vaccination is happening by appointment, even at pharmacies, which in the past frequently allowed walk-ins. However, there are some locations still providing walk-in service. “If you’re interested in receiving the vaccine, [you should be] phoning a pharmacy, your local pharmacy, to make an appointment,” Holt said.

This year, pharmacies are offering high-dose vaccines for those who are immunocompromised or over the age of 65.






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## How to inspect and maintain vehicle belts

Responsible vehicle ownership involves taking inventory of the automobile and ensuring it is working at peak capacity. Hundreds of parts work together to keep vehicles on the road, but quite often drivers do not look under the hood until something is amiss.

Routine maintenance is widely acknowledged as a critical component of responsible vehicle ownership, but many motorists may not know how to care for their cars. Belts are one example of components that are integral to efficient, well-running vehicles. The automotive resource iDriveSafely.com indicates that belts are some of the most crucial moving parts in the engine. Belts transmit power between shafts, and all belts, from serpentine belts to V-belts to timing belts, serve

important functions.

**Serpentine belt:** Firestone Complete Auto Care says a serpentine belt is a long, snaking, winding belt that keeps parts such as the water pump, alternator, power steering pump, and air conditioning running smoothly. Serpentine belts transport power to automotive accessories. A failing serpentine belt can cause enormous and expensive headaches, including overheating and loss of steering power.

**V-belts:** Also known as drive belts, these are usually found in older vehicles. Unlike serpentine belts, which run through various parts, V-belts run through one or two accessories. Older cars with many bells and whistles will have multiple V-belts, and should one break, it may not cause as much of an issue as if a serpentine belt were to falter.

**Timing belt:** Advance Auto Parts says that most cars have interference engines in which the clearance between moving parts is so small that they can end up bumping into each other if they're not running on the same timing as one another. That is where the timing belt comes into play. It connects the crankshaft to the camshaft, helping them stay in sync. Failing to pay attention to a timing belt can result in an expensive engine repair.

Belts have finite service lives, and heat and wear and tear are usually their nemeses. It is important to look for fraying or cracking of belts. Even belts that look new may have worn out grooves that lose their grips on matching pulley grooves. Mechanics often use special gauges to check belts.

Belts also may need to be replaced due to oil or grease contamination that can damage the rubber or synthetic rubber. It is important to check the owner's manual and seek advice from a qualified mechanic about when belts should be serviced.

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## How to effectively and safely sanitize a car

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way people live. One readily felt effect was spending more time at home. Vehicles sat idle in driveways and some automotive insurance providers reduced rates because people were driving much less.

Even with stay-at-home measures in place, people still need to leave their homes to stock up on essentials, such as food or medicine. In other cases, people may have been essential workers who drive for a living, including delivery drivers or health care personnel who were incapable of working from home.

Any time a person goes out in public, he or she runs the risk of contracting viruses. Bacteria and germs may reside on various surfaces, including those inside vehicles.

People want to protect themselves and now are more aware of the importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes a distinction between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but can lower their numbers. Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. The following are some ways to deeply clean and sanitize a car.

Wash hands. First and foremost, it is crucial to wash your hands before and after using the car. This can reduce the likelihood of growing ill because of transferred viruses or bacteria.

Use rubbing alcohol. Solutions that contain

70 percent alcohol are effective against many viruses and bacteria, including coronaviruses, says the CDC. Furthermore, Jeff Stout, Executive Director of Global Innovation at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors, says that, for the most part, nearly every interior surface of a vehicle can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Plastic to painted chrome to imitation leather have been tested to ensure they don't degrade when exposed to pure isopropyl alcohol.

Avoid bleach or hydrogen peroxide. While bleach and peroxide are very effective cleaners and sanitizers, they are likely to damage a car's upholstery, according to Consumer Reports.

Use soap and water: Experts say that vigorous washing with a soap-and-water solution can be effective against many contaminants because it breaks down the protective envelope that surrounds coronaviruses and other germs to disarm them. Friction also can help to break down germ cells during cleaning.

"You want to do the best with what you have, so even soap and water can chip away at the risk," says Stephen Thomas, M.D., Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Global Health at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

Address frequently touched surfaces. Pay attention to the steering wheel, door handles, buttons, touchscreen displays, shift lever, and more when sanitizing. Each of these items can harbor germs.

Deep-cleaning a vehicle has become a necessity since COVID-19 emerged. Frequently cleaning and sanitizing can help make vehicles safer to operate.



## Tire maintenance keeps drivers safe

Maintaining tires is an important component of safe driving. Tires are some of the hardest working parts on a car or truck and are subjected to wear and tear every time rubber meets the road.

Tires affect many components of driving, including handling, braking and the comfort of the ride. Maintaining tires makes driving safe not only for drivers and their passengers, but also for fellow motorists.

Poor tire maintenance can lead to premature wear and potentially result in a blowout. It is important to visually inspect tires as often as possible. Drivers should look for overall tread wear. Pay special attention to tread wear on one edge of the tires, which could indicate poor alignment. Erratic tread wear may mean tires are out of balance.

Drivers also should pay attention to how their cars drive and sound. Unusual vibration or thumping noises suggest issues with the tires. A car that pulls in one direction also may be experiencing tire problems.

Vehicle owners should be aware of the routine maintenance steps that can keep them safe and improve the life expectancy of tires.

Tire pressure: Keeping tires properly inflated is one of the most important steps to maintaining them. Tires lose around 1 psi per month, and underinflated or overinflated tires can contribute to unusual wear, blow-

outs and even excessive fuel consumption.

Rotation: Check the owner's manual or recommendations from the tire manufacturer, but know that most mechanics advise having tires rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Rotation helps distribute wear more evenly on tires.

Balancing: Balancing also helps minimize uneven wear and tear. Balanced tires are achieved by using small weights attached to the wheels to limit vibration of the tire and wheels as they turn. New tires should be balanced, and tires also should be balanced after one or more is removed to repair a puncture.

Alignment: Vehicles have wheel alignment measurements that pertain to manufacturers' specifications. Alignment that falls outside of the range can impact handling, fuel economy and tread wear. A drift or pull suggests alignment problems and should be addressed.

Vehicle owners should keep tire inspection and maintenance in mind as part of their overall car care plan.

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# Making sure hunt camp stays safe

by STEVE GALEA  
*Special to the Times*

Statistically speaking, hunting is a very safe sport. Firearms-related accidents in the field in Ontario are exceedingly rare thanks for the most part to our excellent and mandatory Ontario Hunter Education Program. This has not just taught hunters the best practices to stay safe, it has also instilled a culture of safety that they carry with them in the field.

## Safety in the camp

Unfortunately, the place where most injuries occur is at camp itself. This is primarily because it is the place where most time is spent and the greatest concentration of people are. The good news is it is not difficult to make your camp a safer place where the likelihood of injury is minimized.

One way to do this is to set a few ground rules that every hunter must follow. These should include:

- No rough housing in the camp.
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms or po-

tential exposure, stay at home.

- No smoking in the building or, if that's not preferred, no smoking in bed.
- Firearms must be unloaded before entering and placed in a locker or other safe location.
- If anyone has any medical conditions or allergies that others in camp should be aware of, make sure they are known. This includes instructions on what to do should a related emergency event, such as a seizure, allergic reaction, or heart issue, occur.
- No overindulgence in drugs or alcohol.
- No hunting if the effects of last night's

partying are still evident.

- Keep pathways that are used in the dark to go to the washroom or outhouse free of trip hazards. Keep the common areas relatively tidy and obstruction free.
- Keep outside fires and deep fryers a safe location away from the buildings.
- Designate emergency exits and have a fire plan.
- Do not light fuel-powered stoves or lanterns inside.
- Drive ATVs and other vehicles slowly within campgrounds.
- Make sure all generators, stoves, and other appliances are in safe and proper working order

Along with these rules, every camp should have:

- A well-stocked first aid kit and someone who has a basic understanding of first aid.
- At least one person trained in CPR too.
- A means to contact the outside world, even if that needs to be a satellite phone.
- Fully functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Adequate lighting and ventilation.
- Safe heat sources and clean chimneys
- An appropriate amount of fire extinguishers.
- And a water purifier or clean water source.

The camp should also be in generally good repair so that bunk beds are safe, railings are secure and floorboards, wiring, walls and windows are sound.

## Safety in the field

A few safe practices in the field can go a long way towards keeping everyone safe too. They include:

- Don't expect the new hunter to camp to know the area like you do. Take the time to familiarize him or her with stand locations on maps and routes in and out of stands or where you expect them to hunt.
- If getting into a stand location is not obvious, escort the new person there and pick them up the first few times until you are certain they are familiar with the lay of the land.
- Everyone needs to be honest about their physical limitations. If you cannot help hauling out an animal or doing other heavy work, say so. It's better than having a heart attack or other serious injury.
- No one should be allowed to use a tree stand unless it is deemed safe and they use an approved safety harness properly.
- Ensure everyone is aware of what the day's weather will bring.
- Ensure all boats have the required amount of personal floatation devices, lighting, oars or paddles and boater safety kits.
- Do not take to water if conditions are too rough for the available watercraft.
- Always make sure others are aware of your route and destination, each time you leave camp.
- If a hunt plan has been set in place do not deviate from it.
- Have a means to communicate with fellow hunters. Cellphones or two-way radios are best.
- Make sure each hunter knows how to use a map and compass or GPS.
- Ensure everyone wears the required amount of hunter orange.
- Drive your ATVs with the appropriate amount of caution.
- When planning a hunt, designate safe arcs of fire.
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# Keep your hunt camp safe and happy

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ly for the weather.

• If weather turns dangerous, re-evaluate the day's plan.

## A safe plan

In addition to all this, there are certain pieces of information that should be posted in a place everyone in camp is aware of.

This should include:

- The camp's 911 address, if it has one.
- Detailed directions to camp or a meeting place that you would give to emergency ser-

vice workers should you need them.


• The location of the nearest medical centre and the most direct route there. One copy of this should be kept in an outbuilding or vehicle too, so you have one should a fire prevent you from accessing it.

It seems like a lot, but it's not. In fact, I'd wager most established camps have these measures (and more) in place already. Regardless, the work required to ensure all these measures remain in place is well worth it. Hunt camps should be a happy and safe place, after all.





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## Outdoor activity

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 1 student Skyla Pettes takes a break from playing camouflage with her peers during outdoor gym class on Thursday, Oct. 15 in Minden. While some did their best to hide from each other, other students walked in the woods or honed soccer skills on the pitch. Students wore masks if they couldn't maintain more than two metres of distance from one another.  
DARREN LUM  
Staff



Above, Grade 1 students with Mrs. Iles took a break from their camouflage game during gym class for a group photo at the Minden school on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Left, students from a Grade 5 and 6 class work on their soccer skills during an outdoor lesson.

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*Answers on page 18*



## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** An electronic meeting will be held **Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** to consider these applications.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended by Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 and an Order in Council of March 28, 2020, which amended the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and prohibits organized public events of more than five people.

The media and the general public can view the Land Division Committee meeting webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/tXXZu9PbapM>

**AND FURTHER THAT** these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-016/20

Applicant: Don and Julie Pernerowski

Location of the Property: Lot 24 and Part of Lots 22, 23, and 25, Plan 6, Geographic Township of Minden, Now in the Township of Minden Hills  
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way

2. File No. H-017/20

Applicant: Susan Edward

Location of the Property: Part Lot 17, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, Now in the Township of Minden Hills  
Nature of the Application: Easement for Right-of-Way

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Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21 day of October, 2020.

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# Childhood in 1950s New York State: Minden resident pens memoir

by JENN WATT  
Editor

For about a decade Kathy Lawton Purc would jot down memories from her childhood growing up on a small farm in New York State. They were like puzzle pieces, she says, scattered about and viewed through a child’s perspective.

Then about a year and a half ago, with the encouragement of the Algonquin Highlands Writers’ Circle she decided she would “give it a go at publishing it” and began writing in earnest.

The result of her labour is a self-published memoir, *Stone House Stories: The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid*, completed during the pandemic and available for purchase online.

“By doing this, I got to see a bigger picture of who my parents were just by going back through these memories. I grew up in the 1950s, so [I got to see] how culture, society at the time affected my search for identity and where I belonged in the world,” said Purc, who moved to Minden in 1989 after marrying her husband, dentist John Purc.

Her “free range” childhood was a product of the era, one that had fewer restrictions and less supervision, but also one with its share of struggles.

“I grew up on a small farm, but there were larger farms around me and it was a dairy farming area in central New York State in the Finger Lakes region and there were no seatbelts, there were no helmets. Not that we couldn’t have used them, because there were lots of accidents,” Purc said. “... We were given certain boundaries, we had woods we could go into and explore. Our parents didn’t know where we were half the time – they did when we were small – our range expanded into the woods, into the fields, into the ponds and the brooks. ... We were pretty much on our own during the daytime and we managed to get into lots of trouble,” she laughed.

But alongside the freedom of the 1950s for young people was the frightening prospect of nuclear war with Soviet Russia, with school children taught to “duck and cover” under their desks, and shown films of the aftermath of atomic blasts.

“We were inundated with information about what happens in an atomic blast,” said Purc. “A lot of people were putting bomb shelters in their backyards. It was kind of a scary time. In school, ... we would get an alarm over the PA system and we would have to duck under our desks to prepare in case we had an atomic blast coming at us and then we had to line up in the hallways and cover our heads.”

The efforts made little sense to Purc, since the films of atomic bombs showed everything being vaporized; what good would going under one’s desk do?

The impact of living through that time must have affected her generation, she said, introducing an element of instability and fear where none was before.

“At that age, you’ve no control [over what happens] and you realize your parents don’t have any control and they’ve been keeping you safe up until this point, but you realize that they can’t do that for you in this instance, so it’s kind of an awakening as to how powerless and how little control we can have over our lives at times,” she said.

Her parents did not overreact to the threat – no bomb shelters were built at her farm – and Purc said she took her parents’ cues on how to proceed.

One of four kids, two boys and two girls, Purc’s book fo-



Minden resident Kathy Lawton Purc recently published a memoir of her childhood growing up in New York State in the 1950s called *Stone House Stories, The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid*. / Photo courtesy of Kathy Lawton Purc

cuses primarily on the years between age four and 11, highlighting the kinds of antics and conflicts kids can have. Born on the same day as her sister, six years apart, she said she was set up from day one for sibling rivalry. And although there was conflict in youth, she and her sister became the best of friends in later life.

The inspiration to write a memoir came from Purc’s research on her ancestry and the gaps the official documents she discovered left in her understanding of the lives of family members now long gone.

“I don’t have any really first-hand stories about my family, my ancestors. I wanted to leave something for my children and my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren and whoever comes after,” she said.

She has four children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of whom live in the States.

Purc wonders whether she would have ended up writing her memoir had she stayed in the U.S. all those years ago. Writing resources available in Haliburton County were instrumental in the creation of the book, from workshops to

writers’ circles. A connection she made with Sheryl Loucks, who formerly ran the R.D. Lawrence Centre (now Nature’s Place) that at one time focused on literary arts, was useful in the completion of *Stone House Stories*. Loucks assisted with editing and the pair met a couple of times to go over the structure and substance of the book.

Once the writing was complete, the document was sent off to a self-publishing company in Arizona, which handled the design and distribution as well as some additional editing.

Although the coronavirus pandemic sidelined some of the plans for the memoir’s launch, Purc said it also provided her the time to get the work done with the publisher.

“It got me through. The whole process was intense and it got me through this whole COVID thing intact,” she said.

*Stone House Stories: The Memoir of a Free-Range Kid* by Kathy Lawton Purc is available on Amazon.ca and ChaptersIndigo.ca in both paperback and e-book formats. She will also be donating copies to the library and is planning to get in touch with area bookstores to have copies on hand.

“I wanted to write a book that I’d like to read,” Purc said. “...I’ve had comments that readers have been entertained, they’ve been educated, I’ve made them laugh and I’ve made them cry. And that’s my definition of a good book.”

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**Jean Hachie (nee Abbott)**

*Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, October 15, 2020 after a brief illness, at the age of 83.*

Loving mother of Lorraine (Ken) Russell, Karen (Kevin) Faulkner and Tom Hachie. Loving nanny to Lisa, Kenny (Jamie), Drew (Tracey), Shane (Jenn), Carin, Joshua, Nikki, Amanda, Thomas and great nanny to Austin, Makenna, Desiree, Madison, Tyson, Jackson, Henry and Sky. Dear sister of Ronald (deceased) (Barb) Abbott and Sharron (Bruce) Wilson. Fondly remembered by her many family and friends. A special thank you to Dr. Mihi and staff.

*It was Jean's wish for cremation and private family arrangements.*

Memorial Donations to the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Reta Alice Crofts (nee Milligan)**

*Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, October 17, 2020, in her 86th year.*

Beloved wife of the late Wallace. Dear mother of Richard (deceased), Louise Berry (Ralph), Valerie Saunders (John) and George Crofts (Annegret). Loving grandma to Tarah, Tammy-Lynn, Jessie, Steven, Adam, Kelly and great grandma to Kierra, Hunter, William, Austin, Ava, Zora and Rylynn. Dear sister of Shirley (deceased), Kathleen, Muriel and Wayne. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Memorial Donations to the Ingoldsby United Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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## LOOK INSIDE



### Get inoculated

Haven't had your flu shot yet? Get it now from Andrea Prentice and crew.  
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### Get giggling

Comic Ron James will have 'em rolling in the aisles to help the Frost.  
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### Get dialling

Paula Thorn and the Stanhope "fire ladies" are at your beck and call.  
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### Get scared

Take the tykes to a haunted house at Pine Reflections.  
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### In Quotes

"I think you do feel enfranchisement in a small community more so than a larger one. You feel like you can make a difference."

Jeanne Anthon,  
on page 3

Lance Crossley/TIMES

### The cow farmer

Casey Cox, wearing the blue vest, is a man who just loves his cows and the traditional farming way of life he lives. Still, he's been facing some challenging issues these days – the cattle industry just isn't the same as it used to be. For story and more photos, please see page 8.

## Minden's own Jeanne Anthon is Highlander of the Year

by LANCE CROSSLEY  
Times staff

When Jeanne Anthon accepted the Highlander of the Year award last Friday night at the Delta Pinestone Resort, her speech was unusually brief. After the ceremonies she didn't stick around very long to accept congratulatory handshakes either. "I was embarrassed," she said a few days later. "I thought of all the people who volunteer and who could have been there with me or instead of me. So that had a bit of discomfort for me."

Anthon's modesty in receiving public accolades belies the person sitting at a table in the Village Chalet. She's immaculately decked out in a black turtleneck

sweater and dress pants. She possesses a dignified confidence and articulates her ideas as if she were heading a table at town council, which she did when she served as reeve of the former municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden (now part of Minden Hills.)

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce bestows the Highlander of the Year award to recognize an outstanding community leader in Haliburton County. There are few, if any, who could argue against the honour going her way. Her local activities have been nothing less than prolific. On top of the nine years she served in municipal politics, she presently works on nine

see SHE'S page 3

## Still no decision on who's going to market county

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Times staff

Rather than rush into a three-year commitment costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, county council decided to meet again with the two organizations bidding on the county's marketing contract.

"I sincerely believe we're not in the position to make a valid and intelligent decision based on the information we have at this time," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey at Wednesday's county council meeting.

He said there were strengths and weaknesses in each proposal that need to be further explored. He suggested that the county form an ad hoc committee with representation from each municipality. The committee would meet with both David Page, a marketing and business communication consultant, and the Tourism Marketing Alliance, a

partnership of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Haliburton.

The two bids are for a three-year contract to market the county. The county would provide from \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year.

County council heard presentations on the proposals on October 19 but was not able to make a decision at that time. Fearrey asked for a further delay on Wednesday "to determine that we are doing tourism marketing in the true sense of the word..."

"We need to work out contractual arrangements; then we'd have a chance to iron them out. At least then we'd have done a proper analysis and know that what we're doing is right for taxpayers and the county of Haliburton."

This committee would make its recommendation to council  
see COUNCILLORS page 2

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- Short 3-minute ride from Little Hawk Resort



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### West Shore Rd Kennis Lk \$279,000

- 72 ac of forest /trails, also trail 2 Bucksin
- Portage 2 Redpine Lk. for canoe routes
- Snowmobiling, ATVing, biking, horse riding



Mark Denny's  
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### Private Getaway \$189,000

- 333 Ft Rd Frgt, 25 Acres
- Apprx 636 Sq Ft, 160 Sq Ft Shed
- Flat, Private, Bush, Dug Well
- No Hydro, Generator in Place



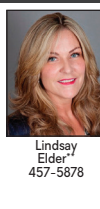
Tom Ecclestone\*  
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### Sugar Island Gull Lake

- Totally renovated 4-bedroom 3 bath cottage
- 413 feet of frontage with sand beach
- Bonus Bunkie you have to see
- Main land parking, docking w/garage



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Elder\*\*  
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### Carnarvon Home \$399,000

- Log home immaculately kept inside and out
- Spacious principle rooms, 2 bdrms, 2 baths
- Private location near two lake with beautiful gardens & decks



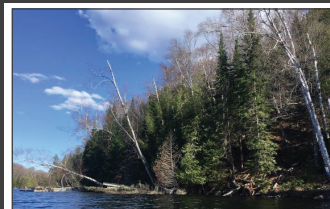
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### Haliburton Home \$429,000

- Newer 3-bedroom, 2 bath home with good access to town & across from the rail trail
- Nicely finished, open concept living space and fully finished lower level



Susanne James\*  
& Andy Mosher\*\*  
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### Long Lake Lot \$199,900

- Vacant lot with 100 feet of shoreline, approx. 1 acre
- 2-lake chain with Miskwabi Lake for miles of boating
- Year-round private road access, Adjacent cottage also available



David Lee\*  
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### Commercial Opportunity \$599,000

- Two parcels zoning 59 acres, 5 acres zoned commercial highway & 54 zoned disposal industrial
- Modern 3-bedroom, 2 bath home
- Approximately 7000 sq ft of space between 2 shops



Donna  
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### County Road 21 \$750,000

- Commercial property in Haliburton
- Prime corner location, 1.5 acres
- Rental house as an added feature
- Sale includes land, & building



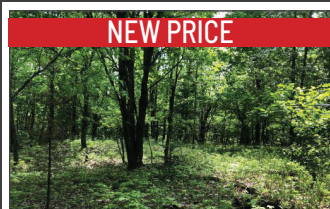
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### Trooper Lake \$325,000

- 0.67-acre, flat level lot, 170+ FT of shallow sand beach FR
- Spacious open concept cottage, stunning views
- 1-bedroom cottage with loft & Bunkie for guests



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### North Drive \$142,900

- Location! Location! Location!
- Building Lot backing onto Sir Sam's Ski Resort
- Nicely treed, choice of building sites, excellent privacy



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- 10,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
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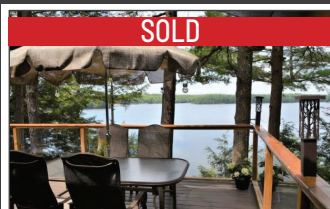
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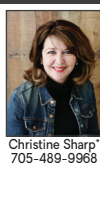
Darlene Reil\*  
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### Wilberforce \$224,000

- Rustic get away home/cottage
- With guest cabin & outbuildings
- Very private



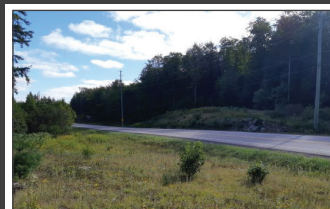
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### Kabakwa Lake \$995,000

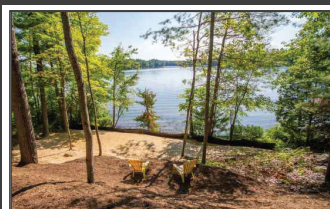
- Beautiful western view
- 2000 sq ft, winterized
- High speed internet



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### County Road 21 \$179,000

- Acreage close to Haliburton Village & Pinestone Resort
- Beautifully Treed with driveway already installed.
- Ultimate privacy for residential use!



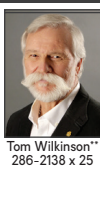
Melanie Vigrass\*  
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### Gull Lake \$549,000

- Large private waterfront lot on a premium lakes
- 3.2 Acres, 240' of waterfrontage, level building site
- Hardpacked sand, shallow entry, cleaned and ready to build!



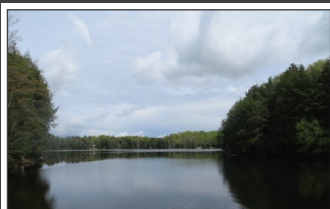
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### Denna Lake \$420,000

- 3-bedroom, 2 bath. Seasonal cottage
- 275' waterfront, 9.7 acres
- Sunset exposure plus sand beach



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